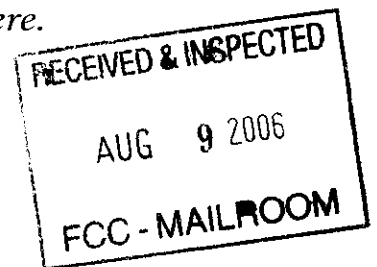


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August 4, 2006

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission,
Office of the Secretary
445 12th St. S.W. Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

*Consolidated
Telcom*

RE: USF Certification - FCC Docket No. 96-45

To Whom It May Concern:

*Consolidated
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Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 96-45 is an affidavit certifying that all universal service support will only be used by the undersigned carrier for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

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The undersigned carrier has also filed this affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and it is anticipated that the North Dakota Public Service Commission will also certify by October 1, 2006 that the undersigned carrier will only use said universal service support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue; and the fast-approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2006, the undersigned carrier is also providing certification directly to the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that the undersigned carrier continues to receive the universal service support to which it is eligible.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Consolidated
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Paul Schuetzler
Consolidated Telcom
General Manager/CEO

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**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45**

**AFFIDAVIT OF CONSOLIDATED REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Stark)

Paul Schuetzler, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Consolidated Telcom(hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.


4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002 in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2005, and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2005 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional

equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 4 day of August, 2006.

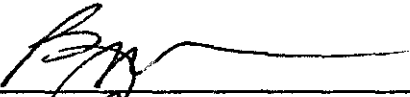
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By 
Paul Schuetzler
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Stark)

On this 4 day of August, 2006, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Paul Schuetzler, known to me to be the Manager of Consolidated Telcom the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

BRYAN W PERSONNE
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 23, 2011


Bryan W. Personne, Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 6/23/2011



West River Telecom

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August 2, 2006

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

RE: USF Certification - FCC Docket No. 96-45

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Sincerely,

Albert Grosz
CEO/General Manager

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Mercer)

Albert R. Grosz, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by West River Telecommunications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

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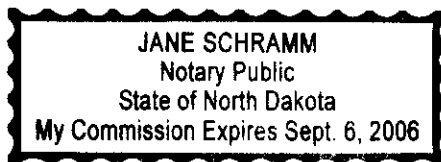
Dated this 2nd day of August, 2006.

WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE

By Albert R. Grosz
Albert R. Grosz
Its: Manager

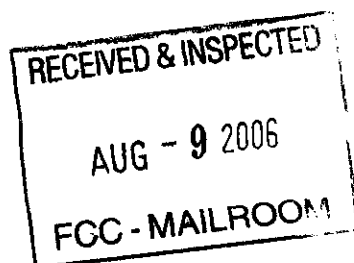
State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Mercer)

On this 2nd day of August, 2006, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared ALBERT R. GROSZ, known to me to be the Manager of WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Jane Schramm
Jane Schramm, Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 9/6/06

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August 3, 2006

Ex Parte Presentation
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Polytechnic University submits this letter to express our concerns that a number-based contribution mechanism will have a substantial detrimental impact on this institution.

We have determined that our per-month federal universal service obligation would increase from approximately \$526/month to approximately \$1,117/month if a number-based approach were adopted, assuming that the per-number fee was \$1.00. Our institution does not have resources to cover this increase. If implemented, the FCC's action will require hard choices with respect to institutional programs and services, including, but not limited to:

- The transition of budgeted funding from education and research-based programs to the telecommunications budget.

Polytechnic University asks the FCC to proceed with caution in adopting a number-based plan that does not account for the specific concerns of colleges and universities.

Sincerely,



TC Westcott

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August 2, 2006

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554Re: **Interstate Common Line Support**
Annual Certification Filing
CC Docket No. 96-45

This is to certify that BEK Communications Cooperative will use its **Interstate Common Line Support** and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for all study area(s) listed below:

Company Name	State	Study Area Code
BEK Communications Cooperative	ND	1604

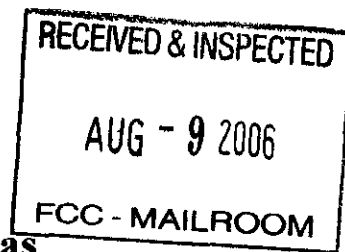
Signed,

Derrick Bulawa
CEO/General Manager

Date: _____

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Mildred Matias

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Delegate Luis Fortuno
U.S. House of Representatives
126 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45


Dear Delegate Fortuno:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin J. Martin's plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

Chairman Martin is proposing a change in the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee." The flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me -- and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high volume users -- like big businesses -- and placing the weight on low-volume users -- students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers-- is unfair. I urge Chairman Martin to rethink his flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Please pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know that your constituents have contacted you to oppose a USF numbers or flat-fee plan. Thank you for your continued work. I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,


Mildred Matias

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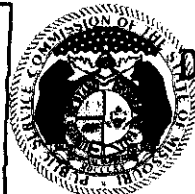
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August 3, 2006

Marlene H. Dortch
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RE: USF Certification Pursuant to 47 USC 254(e)
CC Docket No. 96-45 and WC Docket No. 06-64

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 30, 2006, the Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC) approved the transfer of assets from Cass County Telephone Company, Limited Partnership and LEC Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a CassTel Long Distance to FairPoint Communications, Inc., FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications and ST Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications Long Distance. The MoPSC also designated FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications (FairPoint Missouri) as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) under the provisions of 47 CFR 54.201(d) to receive federal universal service support immediately upon the date the sale closes. A copy of this order is attached.

The FCC approved the transfer of control under section 214 on July 20, 2006. The MoPSC was informed that the transfer of assets was completed on July 26, 2006. According to 47 CFR 54.314(d)(6), a carrier is eligible to receive support if a state commission submits its certification within 60 days of the effective date of the carrier's designation as an eligible carrier. The order approving FairPoint Missouri's ETC designation was effective June 9, 2006.

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